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SUBJECT: ABRASIMOV REPORTEDLY HEADED FOR
POLITBURO POST

1. AHKNOWLEDGEABLE WEST BERLIN SOURCE REPORTS THAT
SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO THE GDR ABRASIMOV MAY SOON
RELINQUISH HIS EAST BERLIN AMBASSADORIAL POST TO RETURN
TO MOSCOW WHERE HE REPORTEDLY WILL REPLACE PYOTRY DEMICHEV
AS HEAD OF THE IDEOLOGICAL COMMISSION IN THE CENTRAL
COMMITTEE.

2. ABRASIMOV HIMSELF IS SAID TO HAVE CIRCULATED
THIS STORY DURING CONVERSATION AT RECENT EAST BERLIN
DIPLOMATIC FUNCTION REMARKING THAT HIS WORK IN THE GDR
IS NOW FINISHED AND WHAT HE HAS ACCOMPLISHED CAN BE
CONTINUED BY AN EQUALLY GOOD DIPLOMAT." ALTHOUGH
SOVIET AMBASSADOR APPARENTLY GAVE NO INDICATION WHEN
TRANSFER WOULD OCCUR, WEST BERLIN OBSERVERS ASSUME
LOGICAL TIMING WOULD BE IMMEDIATELY BEFORE OR
AFTER THE 25TH CPSU PARTY CONGRESS SCHEDULED TO TAKE
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PLACE IN MARCH. SINCE SUCH A MOVE PRESUMABLY WOULD

REPRESENT PROMOTION FOR ABRASIMOV, IT IS ALSO ASSSUMED
THAT LIKE DEMICHEV, HE WOULD BE NAMED A CANDIDATE
MEMBER OF THE POLITBEURO.

3. ABOVE REPORT TENDS TO CONFIRM WHAT AMB
FALIN RECENTLY TOLDFRG PLENIPOTENTIARY SPANGENBERG
(USBERLIN 0149). WE NOTE THAT IN 10 MONTHS SINCE
ABRASIMOV RETURNED TO GDR, HE HAS PLAYED ROLE IN
" WAR OF NOTES", IN GDR/SOVIET FRIENDSHIP TREATY OF
COTOBE 7, 1975, IN DRAFTING OF NEW GDR PARTY PROGRAM,
AND PROBABLY IN ESTABLISHMENT OF LATEST GDR FIVE YEAR
PLAN. PERHAPS HE HAS THEREBY FULFILLED MAJOR
PURPOSES OF HISREASSIGNMENT TO GDR. WE NOTE THAT
ABRASIMOV CHAIRED EXIT COMMISSION OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BEFORE RETURNING TO EAST BERLIN SO THAT HE MUST BE
FAMILIAR WITH INNER WORKINGS OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE.GEORGE

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